



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Chiarelli, et al.  
Serial No. : 10/533,768  
For: CONTROLLED AND CONTINUED DELIVERY OF  
RIFAXIMIN AND/OR OTHER SUBSTANCES  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement in response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2008.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5.